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Southeast Library System

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SOWINGS

Prepping for the Press

Karen Kilgarin was the afternoon speaker following the Nebraska Library Association Legislative luncheon. Karen is the Director of Communications & Publications, and Assistant Director of Government Relations with the Nebraska Education Association. She has an impressive resume that includes: State Senator, Reporter for KETV-Omaha, Governor Ben Nelson's Deputy Chief of Staff & Director of Public Affairs, and coordinator of the campaign to defeat Initiative 423 in Nebraska. Needless to say, she provided us with some great information on media relations.

Television interviews seem to be a forum that can cause a lot of angst – and she provided us with a couple of simple points, like reminding us to talk to the reporter not to the lens of the camera. The second point being to look at the interview as an opportunity. After all – air time is expensive, and you're probably getting \$24,000 of airtime for a spot on television. Make the most of it.

So, how do you make the most of it? Karen took us through an exercise designed to help us prepare for interviews, by framing what we want our message to be with 3 main points. She asked us to think of it as 3 rooms in a house, and each room has a key point or issue that you define in one to three words. Then underneath those 3 points, you build the support of those key issues – which she aligned with “furnishing the room”. So, for example, if you're being interviewed at the library concerning the hiring of a security guard – think of 3 main points you'd like to get across about the library as it relates to security. In our group we came up with these three: A Positive Environment; Changing

Society; and Public Trust – our 3 rooms. Then under each of those key points we built support or provided the room with furniture. Under a Changing Society we had things like – the good news is more people are using the library, and the library is open to everyone, and there are a variety of service opportunities for customers to take advantage of in the library. While doing this preparation it's important to remember that the average sound bite is 7 seconds – so it behooves us to be prepared and succinct.

Karen provided a handout with these **basic rules to follow for all interviews**:

1. Research the facts and structure effective answers.
2. Know what you want to communicate – and what you don't want to communicate.
3. Know the 3 basic points you want to make.
4. Know if your message is to be positive or negative.
5. Anticipate the “Why” and the “Worst” question.
6. Be well prepared, but don't memorize your answers.
7. Make it conversational.
8. Personalize your answers and illustrate your point.
9. Relax and think.

Karen's handout included information on body language and vocal qualities, specific tips for telephone, radio and television interviews, news release notes and writing letters to the editor. The SELS office would be glad to share that information, just send us an e-mail or give us a call.

Finally, the **two legislative issues being supported by NLA** this year:

- **LB 572** – which would provide employees of the Nebraska Regional Library Systems



Call for Board Nominations

The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of persons representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Board members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2007. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users. Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Mileage to and from meetings is reimbursed at the federal rate. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

Sandy Elton, Lincoln, President; Jan Thomsen, Aurora, Vice-President; Rebecca Bernthal, Lincoln, Treasurer; Becky Baker, Seward; Judy Butler, Waverly; Scott Childers, Lincoln; Karen Frank, Greenwood; Debbie Goossen, Lewiston; Ken Gunselman, York; Wanda Marget, Fairmont; Lisa Olivigni, Crete; Kris Rogge, Johnson; Tom Schmitz, Lincoln and Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln.

Mail your nomination by April 27, 2007 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

Name: _____ Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ Email _____

Circle one: Librarian/Media Specialist Trustee User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*) yes no

Nomination submitted by: _____

What's New from the Commission?

Now Hiring @ your library®

Since the Nebraska Library Commission is always interested in experimenting with new ways to communicate with Nebraska library staff and supporters, we hope you'll take a look at the new section of our Website and tell us how it works for you.

Now Hiring @ your library®, a new section of Nebraska Library Commission Website is now live. It provides easy access to information about library education options, scholarships, job openings, library careers, mentoring, and recruiting. Nebraska and regional job listings have been repackaged and are now provided through a searchable job bank resource at www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/JobsAndCareers.asp.

This Website supports the work of the Library Commission's federal grant, *Recruiting the Next Generation of Nebraska Librarians @ the movies*. With this \$343,682 grant awarded from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in FY 2005, the Nebraska Library Commission began developing a campaign to recruit the next generation of Nebraska librarians and train and support current library workers. The project grew out of a recommendation from the Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries, and was prompted by the need to fill current and expected job vacancies, as identified by the Library Commission's Recruitment and Retention Task Force.

The goal is to increase the number of professionally trained librarians and media specialists in Nebraska. The Library Commission's grant is part of the \$19 million "Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century" national initiative. Through this project, high school and college students are recruited, matched with mentors and educational opportunities, and provided with stipends, grants, or scholarships to support the pursuit of pre-professional and professional education. For *Recruiting the Next Generation of Nebraska Librarians @ the movies*, the Library Commission developed a marketing plan to create awareness and identify prospects for library service careers. The focus is recruiting talented and diverse library personnel for all types of Nebraska libraries, matching them with mentor/recruiters and educational/employment opportunities, and providing grants, scholarships, and stipends to support their pursuit of pre-professional and professional training.

Scholarships are available to students seeking a master's degree in Library and/or Information Science, master's degree in Education in School Library Media, bachelor's degree in Library Studies, or a Library Technical Assistant degree. Since November 2005 state and federal scholarship funds awarded are approximately \$88,000. To reach Nebraska's growing Hispanic community, the Library Commission funded Spanish-speaking interns at nine libraries across the state through a partnership with the Nebraska Humanities Council's "Prime Time Family Reading Time" program.

Mentoring is an important component of the recruitment activities. The primary strategy is a one-on-one, each-one-recruit-one, mentoring approach. Mentors and recruiters will be trained to use a multimedia package (including a video PSA for television and movie theatres, print and broadcast communication, Web resources, and exhibits/displays) to identify prospects and inform them about the opportunities for rewarding careers in library service. The resources will be made available to K-12, postsecondary, and public library staff, as well as library supporters and advocates, helping them to form a state-wide network of mentors and recruiters. Please request a recruiting kit if you would like to test the materials at a local community or school career fair. For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us.

Access Now Hiring @ your library® by clicking the "coffee cup" icon on the left side of the Nebraska Library Commission Home Page (www.nlc.state.ne.us) or directly at www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.com and www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org



March

March 23rd: College of DuPage – *Library Transformation: Making it Happen*, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can view at the Beatrice Public Library, or find additional information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupageconf20062007.html.

✱ **March 28th:** Sally Reed – FOLUSA workshop in Fremont. Register before March 20 at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp, search on Sally Reed. There is no fee for this CE event.

March 29th – 31st: *Mari Sandoz Heritage Society Annual Conference* at Chadron State College, see page 15 for more information on this and 2007 One Book One Nebraska Celebration. You can also get additional information at: www.onebookonenebraska.org, or with Sarah Polak, (308)432-6066.

March 30th, April 13th: **Public Service Course of Basic Skills** at Seward Memorial Library. The second class will be Karen Hyman's Customer Service workshop in Columbus on April 4th. If you need additional details or would like to carpool to the Columbus workshop, contact the SELS office – bsealey@alltel.net or 800-288-6063.

April

✱ **April 4th:** *Customer-Centered Library: How to Stop Tweaking and Start Doing It* with Karen Hyman in Columbus. For more information or to register: www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/eastern/customerservice.pdf

✱ **April 12th:** **SELS Board Meeting** at Falls City Library and Arts Center, tour at 10, business meeting at 10:30.

April 13th: College of DuPage – *The Best from the Web*, from 11 a.m. to 12:30. You can view at the Beatrice Public Library, or find additional information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupageconf20062007.html.

April 15th – 21st: *Come Together @ your library*® - **National Library Week**. For more information and program ideas go to: www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm.

April 17th: **National Library Workers Day** – recognizing all library workers, including librarians, support staff and others who make library service possible every day. For more information go to: www.ala.org/ala/events/librarypromotion/librarypromotions.htm.

✱ **April 21st:** **Spring Colloquium** with Kate Marek – see page 9.

✱ **April 25th:** **NLA's Diversity Committee Spring Meeting** at Lexington Public Library from 10 to 3. Sally Snyder (NLC YA Library Service Coordinator) will provide information on the importance of Dia de los ninos and Dia de los libros, along with recommendations for Spanish and bilingual books and program ideas. Karen Drevo (Children's Librarian, Norfolk Public Library) will show you how to add Spanish language experiences to storytimes and lapsits – for those who speak little or no Spanish. For registration information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2071.html.

✱ **April 26th:** **SELS Friends Aged to Perfection 2007** at James Arthur Vineyards, 5 to 7 p.m. with wine tasting and an antique appraisal with Tom Bassett. For details see page 16.

April 27th – 28th: **Willa Cather Spring Conference** at the Opera House, in Red Cloud, Nebraska. For more information go to: www.willacather.org/.

April 28th: ACLU Annual Dinner in Lincoln – speaker, Steve Shapiro – ACLU National Legal Director. For more information go to: www.alcunbraska.org.

May

May 1st: Vendor Day at Nebraska Library Commission.

May 5th: Free Comic Book Day – a single day when participating comic book shops across North America and around the world are giving away comic books absolutely free to anyone who comes into their stores. For more information go to: www.freecomicbookday.com/.

May 11th: Public Library Section, SCYP and TUFs Spring Meeting at Eiseley Library in Lincoln. See page 11 for details.

May 11th: College of DuPage – *The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age*, from 11 a.m. to 12:30. You can view at the Beatrice Public Library, or find additional information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collidupageconf20062007.html.

May 11th: Nebraska Library Commissioners meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N Street) from 9:30 to 12. Meeting is open to the public, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls for more information: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us, (402)471-2045 or (800)307-2665.

✱ **May 18th: 2007 SELS Training Extravaganza** at Hamilton College with Ron Hull, speaking about the One Book One Nebraska author Mari Sandoz, website design, book clubs, and new technologies to name a few. More information in the next newsletter and at the website.

May 18th: Joint College & University and TSRT Spring Meeting, “Next Generation Library” at Union College in Lincoln. Contact Sharon Mason for more information: masons@unk.edu.



IT'S OFFICIAL!
HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS WILL BE
RELEASED JULY 21, 2007!!
CLEAR YOUR WEEKEND FOR READING!


(And the picture's just to make sure you're paying attention- though it is “Harry Potter” actor Daniel Radcliffe in the play *Equus*)

At their January 12 meeting, the Library Commissioners approved an **incentive payment** to acknowledge the achievement of enhanced and excellent accreditation status by some of Nebraska's public libraries.

In 2004 the *Public Library Accreditation Guidelines* were revised, based on input from library personnel statewide. These revised guidelines allow for libraries to be accredited at one of three levels of achievement: essential, enhanced, or excellent. Each level has increased expectations of local libraries in terms of funding, hours open, and programs and services offered.

In 2006 the revised guidelines were fully implemented, with all eligible libraries accredited at one of these three tiers. The Commissioners have approved incentive State Aid payments for Enhanced and Excellent accredited libraries as follows:

- ⌘ Libraries with Excellent Accreditation status will receive an additional direct state aid payment of **\$800.00**.
- ⌘ Libraries with Enhanced Accreditation status will receive an additional direct state aid payment of **\$300.00**.



Nebraska Reads

The **Tri County Elementary School** decided to “cool” down the elementary media center by building a Reading Igloo. Students helped by bringing over 250 milk jugs. The structure was created by high school students and the media staff with lots of hot glue! Students take turns reading in the igloo during library time and other times designated by the classroom teacher. If you would like to make your own igloo, contact Kim McCain at kmccain@esu6.org and she will send the instructions.



Kim McCain, Media Specialist



A 6th Grade Valentines Party was held at **Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City**. There was 47 kids who were served sloppy joes, chips, nuts and cake. After they ate we watched a movie.

I am planning to do the One Book for Nebraska Kids this summer! Have food and kids will come!

Lisa Guthals, Library Assistant

Do you recognize the object to the right? Most of you have one in your library in one form or another.

It's a bookcart!

Nancy Chmiel and her teen group entered a **Pimp My Bookcart** national contest (for the creators for *Unshelved*, a library based cartoon, www.overduemedia.com) in January. Out of 100 entries, we tied for runner-up! I'm so proud of the work the teens did. We turned an ordinary old wooden bookcart into a VW Hippie bus.



Nancy Chmiel, Teen Librarian, OPL Benson Branch Library

News and Notes



Dinner and Dialogue: Conversations

The final report and appendices from the Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Library Commission sponsored Dinner and Dialogue: Conversations about Libraries and Government are available on the Nebraska Library Commission Web site. The report and appendices can be downloaded from this address: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/trustees/libandgov/libandgov.html

We thank all those who participated in the Dinner and Dialogue sessions. We would welcome hearing from participants who have initiated changes to improve communication and collaboration between library and municipal government officials. You can send comments to: rwagner@nlc.state.ne.us

Golden Sower Voting

It's time to think about voting for the 2007 Golden Sower Awards!

All votes must be submitted by April 15, 2007!

Go to the Golden Sower web site at www.goldensower.org and click on the link for "The Nugget," which contains information for adults working with the Golden Sower program. You will find a link there called "Voting Information."

Please submit your votes using the on-line voting tally sheet if at all possible. If for some reason you are unable to submit your votes this way, there is a link to a paper vote tally that you can submit by US mail.

OCLC Symposium

Did you miss the OCLC Symposium at ALA Midwinter? Now you can watch the webcast of "Who's Watching YOUR Space?" More than 400 attended the symposium, a discussion about social networking practices and trends. Michael Stephens, Instructor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University and author of "Web 2.0 & Libraries: Best Practices for Social Software", was moderator.

The expert panel included:

- * Howard Rheingold, a leading thinker on the cultural, social and political implications of communications media and virtual communities.
- * Danah Boyd, PhD candidate at the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley and Fellow at the University of Southern California's Annenberg Center for Communications.
- * Marc Smith, Senior Research Sociologist, who leads the Community Technologies Group at Microsoft Research.

View the webcast at: www.oclc.org/education/conferences/presentations/default.htm

Christa J. Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April. National Poetry Month

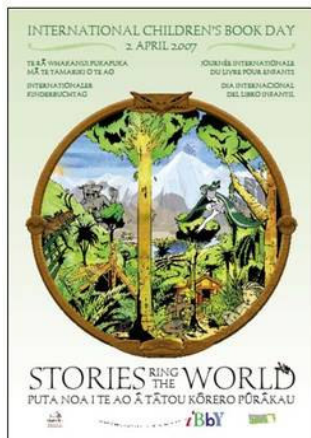
was established by the Academy of American Poets, in 1996, as a month-long, national celebration of poetry. The goals of National Poetry Month include:

- Highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets
- Introduce more Americans to the pleasures of reading poetry
- Bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways
- Make poetry a more important part of the school curriculum
- Increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media
- Encourage increased publication, distribution, and sales of poetry books
- Increase public and private philanthropic support for poets and poetry

So, how should we celebrate? The Academy of American Poets lists 30 ways to celebrate (www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/94), including these that are my favorites:

- Take a poem out to lunch
- Put poetry in an unexpected place
- Put a poem on the pavement – write a poem in chalk on the sidewalk
- Organize a poetry reading
- Memorize a poem
- Play exquisite corpse – for details go to: www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/5619
- Celebrate with a Poem in Your Pocket Day
- Poem-A-Day Email – subscribe with Poets.org to have a new poem in your inbox during the month of April

Poets.org from the Academy of American Poets is a great resource for poetry anytime of the year. It has a search feature for poets and poems, reading recommendations, tips for teaching poetry and much more.



Stories Ring the World is the theme of **International Children's Book Day (ICBD)**, celebrated since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday on April 2nd. It is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. Each year a different National Section of IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People), has the opportunity to be the international sponsor of ICBD and decides on a theme and invites a prominent author from the host country to write a message to the children of the world and a well-known illustrator to design a poster. This year's sponsor is New Zealand, and their theme "Stories Ring the World," with a message by author, Margaret Mahy, and poster illustrated by Zac Waipara. For more information on ICBD, IBBY and to view this year's poster go to: www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269.



2007 Spring Colloquium

What Are You Reading? From the Obvious to the Obscure.

Kate Marek, Associate Professor at Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science and former SELS Administrator, will spend an hour sharing some of the most interesting things she's been reading and talk about why you need to read them too. Her Obvious title: *The World is Flat*. Her Obscure title: *Ambient Findability* by Peter Morville. And in between: *The Wisdom of Crowds*, *The Cluetrain Manifesto*, *Good to Great*, and *Good to Great for the Social Sector*, *A Whole New Mind*, *Becoming Justice Blackmun*, *The Long Tail*, *Code: Version 2.0*, and *Silent Theft* are some titles that might be discussed. You don't have to read these titles before the colloquium, but bring a "you shouldn't miss this" suggestion of your own to share!

This promises to be an interesting discussion piqued by texts within and outside traditional library literature.

Saturday April 21, 2007, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
at The Cornhusker Hotel
Yankee Hill 3
333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE

Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by Kate Marek
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion

Dinner: Arbor Buffet

Fresh garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, fresh vegetable tray with dip, Chef's potatoes or rice, two Chef's fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and milk. With Roast Beef with Mushroom Steak Sauce and Coconut Thai Chicken for entrees.

The Arbor Buffet also includes assorted Cornhusker cakes and pastries.

The Fall Colloquium is sponsored jointly by: the Eastern Library System, & the Southeast Library System.

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

YES! I want to participate in the Fall Colloquium 2007: Kate Marek

Name _____ Library _____

Work phone _____ Work email _____

Send completed registration form and payment of **\$35.00** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 Deadline: **Friday, April 13, 2007.**

NLA Scholarships

Would you like to attend graduate classes or training to increase your library skills? Here's your opportunity to apply for financial assistance.

This page includes information on the Louise A. Nixon Scholarship (\$1,000.00) and the Duane Munson Scholarship (\$250.00). The **application deadline is April 15th** of the current year.

Louise A. Nixon Scholarship

Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about Nebraska's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau and as Legislative Council Librarian. Louise Nixon was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds were made available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the physically challenged; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her open-minded, conscientious dedication to building library service in this state.

When Nixon reflected on her life for the *Lincoln Journal*, the paper wrote, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries – facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking."

This scholarship was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision. The application deadline is April 15th of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.



Duane Munson Scholarship

Duane Munson, a well-known bookseller from Columbus, has been a long-time leader and solid supporter of library and educational activity in Nebraska. He desires to share his good fortune jointly with the NLA and NEMA communities. Munson has personally sponsored this scholarship since 1991. The application deadline is April 15th of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.



For more information and applications: www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm



In addition to the upcoming Aged to Perfection event on April 26 (page 16), the SELS Friends are pleased to announce that a **private showing** of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" will be held in Lincoln the morning of Saturday, July 14. Watch for details to come, but save the date now! Other SELS Friends plans include a "members only" Pitch tournament in September and special sales at the NLA/NEMA conference in Kearney in October. Members of the SELS Friends now receive a commemorative bookmark upon joining– if you are not currently a member, sign up today. The registration form is found at www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/selsfbrochure.pdf. Both individuals and organizations (libraries, Friends groups, etc.) are welcome to become either lifetime or annual members. If you have questions, call any committee member: Becky Baker, Karen Frank, Lisa Olivigni, Tom Schmitz, or Jan Thomsen.

NLA PUBLIC LIBRARY/SCYP/TUFS SECTIONS 2007 Spring Meetings

The 2007 NLA Spring Meetings are a collaborative effort. Sponsored by Public Library Section, Trustees, Users & Friends Section, and School, Children's & Young People's Section of the Nebraska Library Association and hosted by Alliance, Kearney, Norfolk, and Lincoln libraries, we are joined by the Information Technology and Access Round Table, the Intellection Freedom Committee, the UNMC Library of Medicine, and the Nebraska Library Commission.

Please join us May 7th through the 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Geocaching in our Communities: Have you ever wondered what geocaching is? Do you know any geocachers in your community? How can you use geocaching with the 2007 "Get a Clue@Your Library" Summer Reading Program? Join Nancy Chmiel and other geocachers and take a "hands on" approach to learning about geocaching!

Intellectual Freedom Issues Panel: I.F. you have questions about...Censorship, the Patriot Act, Banned and Challenged Books, Meeting Room Use, CIPA and other Internet Issues, or Libraries and the Law (and who DOESN'T?), let our panel help! We will have representatives who will speak on these topics, as well as answer some of the questions you may have about them.

"Ask a Geek" in Your Library: Have a computer questions? Getting weird messages from your computer? Your answer is "Just a keystroke away!" Members of ITART will share information on their new "Ask a Geek" program and how you can use it in your library.

Go Local Nebraska: Roxanne Cox, Head of the Reference Department at McGoogan Library of Medicine, will train us in the use of this online database. The database links consumers to information about health services in local geographic areas from the MedlinePlus health topics.

*Please make copies as necessary and send your registration to:
Nadine DiBacco, P.O. Box 68, Boys Town, NE 68010
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2007*

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Please check the day that you will be coming:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mon, May 7	Alliance Public Library 1750 Sweetwater Ave Alliance, NE
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, May 9	Kearney Public Library 2020 First Ave Kearney, NE
<input type="checkbox"/> Thurs, May 10	Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College 801 E. Benjamin Ave Norfolk -- hosted by Norfolk Public Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri, May 11	Eiseley Branch, Lincoln City Libraries 1530 Superior St Lincoln, NE

Registration Fee: \$15 payable to **NLA Public Library Section** Morning snack and lunch provided with your registration.



One Book for Nebraska Kids 2007



Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission & the Regional Library Systems - 2007

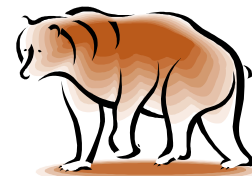
Wouldn't it be great if kids all over Nebraska were talking about books? We are starting a new program where kids can all read and discuss the same book. This year's book is aimed at fourth to sixth graders. It is about a boy who risks a lot to try to rescue a bear cub: *Rescue Josh McGuire* by Ben Mikaelson. A book bag containing 15 paperback copies of the book along with discussion questions, activities and background information is available from the regional library system offices.

Plans are underway to set up one or two opportunities for youth to interact with the author via the computer. Date(s) and time to be announced.

This is a great book to read anytime and librarians may borrow the book set whenever it is available and fits into their library or school's schedule. In the future we plan to promote the One Book for Nebraska Kids or One Book for Nebraska Teens for January and February as the designated months.

This is the kickoff of an ongoing event that will alternate between upper elementary age level and middle school age level titles. A title for middle school age, the "One Book for Nebraska Teens," will be selected for the 2008 program.

If you have suggestions, ideas, or comments contact:
Sally Snyder, 402-471-4003, ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us



Sowings continued . . .

(NRLS) the option of securing health insurance through the State of Nebraska group plan. NRLS would pay one hundred percent of the employer portion of the premium, and the employees pay one hundred percent of the employee portion of the premium. The hearing on the bill was February 28th, before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. As of this writing, the bill is still in the committee.

- **Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) Appropriation request.** The hearing before the Appropriations Committee is set for March 13th – and a preliminary budget proposal indicates a 5% cut in NLC operations. Certainly contacts with Appropriation Committee senators are important in discouraging the cut, and urging support of the NLC budget request which includes additional funding for Talking Book & Braille services, State Aid to Public Libraries, Library Scholarships and NebraskaAccess.

To keep track of current bills and committee actions go to the Unicameral website at: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/web/public/home>.

Brenda Ealey, Administrator

FACILITATORS

Together, Becky and John have facilitated state leadership institutes in Utah, Alaska, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Nebraska.

Becky Schreiber: For more than 25 years, Becky has been helping organizations reinvent themselves in response to customer expectations. Becky has established herself as a consultant who understands the needs of libraries and has the experience to work effectively within those systems. She is known for thorough preparation, dynamic presentation, and responsiveness to her clients. Becky has an M.Ed. in Counseling from the American University and a B.S. from Hood College.

John Shannon: Consulting since 1973, John's current focus is in helping his clients understand and develop their capacity to capitalize on the dynamic forces of change that are unleashed once an organization is in motion. He believes a key element in this process is the building of a critical mass of employees committed to the change; enormous gains are then possible. His clients rely on his intuitive process skills and conflict resolution. John has an M.S. in Applied Behavioral Sciences from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. from the University of Dayton.

Librarians of all types are encouraged to apply for this unique experience!

Mentors

Outstanding library leaders will be mentors at the 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, including practicing librarians from academic, special and public backgrounds. These leaders are knowledgeable about libraries and care about providing library service in Nebraska. They will share real-life experiences, successes, failures, joys, frustrations, wisdom, perspectives and advice. They will also facilitate discussions, give brief presentations on topics of special importance to them and schedule time to meet with participants to discuss career goals.

Stacey Aldrich	Sharon Osenga
Nancy Busch	Steve Shorb
Brenda Ealey	Kathy Tooker
Gail Formanack	Rod Wagner
Greg Mickells	Milton Wolf

For four
mid-summer days

in the *peaceful beauty*
of a northeast Nebraska
landscape,

an extraordinary union
of *fresh ideas*

seasoned *experience*,
self-discovery,
& *sharing*

gives way to

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Leadership
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2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

JULY 9 - 13, 2007

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Beginning
on the 9th
and ending after lunch
on the 13th

Following the success of the 2001, 2003, and 2005 Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems are pleased to offer the fourth Leadership Institute. It is a four-day institute for 30 librarians from across the state who will become our library leaders of tomorrow. During the coming years, incredible socio-economic, demographic and technological changes will continue to take place and our leaders must ensure that libraries continue to serve as a key element in the state's info-structure.

Purpose

The purpose of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 2007 is to provide future Nebraska library leaders a structured professional opportunity to:

- Examine in depth their own leadership styles.
- Gain knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a rapidly changing environment.
- Identify their professional and personal goals.
- Develop a network of professional peers with whom they will continue to work for years to come.
- Interact with a select group of outstanding library leaders who will serve as mentors.



Participants

The 30 selected participants will have demonstrated:

- Outstanding leadership potential.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Successful library employment experience.
- Initiative, commitment and reasonable risk-taking.

Requirements

All applicants must complete an application form.

Forms can be requested by contacting: your System office or Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System Administrator, 11929 Elm St., Ste. 12, Omaha, NE 68144 800-627-7884, ktooker@alltel.net or online at any of the system webpages. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2007. The 30 Institute participants will be notified by May 31, 2007. The registration fee of \$200 from the 30 selected participants is due by June 29, 2007.



2007 ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA SELECTION

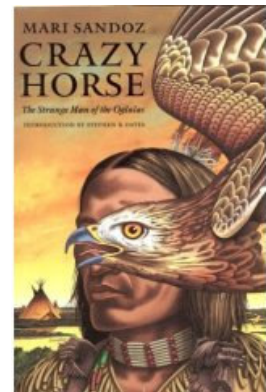
Chadron State College through the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, the Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, and a number of other statewide organizations are encouraging you to join us in celebrating the ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA reads CRAZY HORSE initiative during the year 2007.

Mari Sandoz, Nebraska author, historian, and member of the Nebraska Hall of Fame and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame's Hall of Great Westerners, was one of the most outspoken advocates for fair treatment of Native-Americans and for the documentation of our Plains heritage. Sandoz worked to shed light on the challenges native people faced in the wake of the expansion of a growing American nation.

Sandoz' *Crazy Horse* blends an understanding of our common history with an appreciation of our region's cultural diversity and the reading of *Crazy Horse* provides a common ground for Nebraska citizens to come together to learn about and discuss Native-American culture, plains history, and contemporary issues. Published in 1942, *Crazy Horse* is one of the best-known books written by Sandoz.

Activities to mark the 2007 celebration of One Book One Nebraska are being organized by the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society and the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center at Chadron State College. The kickoff event is the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society Annual Conference at Chadron State College on March 29-31. The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. William Bauer. Dr. Bauer's presentation on Thursday, March 29 is *Remembering Indians: American Indian Biographies*.

The Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center is transforming Bill and Jan Moeller's book *Crazy Horse: A Photographic Biography* into a traveling exhibition. The Moellers write in their book, *Crazy Horse: A Photographic Biography*, of the need they felt to "see" the landscape that they were reading about in Mari Sandoz's *Crazy Horse: Strange Man of the Oglalas*. They began a journey to photograph the lands where he lived, hunted, and fought. By visually exploring the locations Crazy Horse lived and traveled, the viewer will be able to form a portrait of the Crazy Horse as he related to his environment. The exhibition will debut at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. In April the exhibition will close at the Center and will be available to travel around the state of Nebraska during 2007. ***The exhibition will be available to libraries and museums in the State of Nebraska at no cost through the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center.***



Additional events scheduled 2007 include Mari Sandoz' Birthday celebration (May 10), activities in the Heritage Village at the Nebraska State Fair (August 24 – September 3), and the Sandoz Literary Teleconference on September 9th. ***Book Kits are also available from the System offices.***

We hope that you help us celebrate and explore the work of one of Nebraska's great literary voices by participating in local community events throughout Nebraska related to *Crazy Horse*.

Details concerning programs, resources, and activities of the 2007 One Book One Nebraska celebration will be available at www.onebookonenebraska.org. Information is also available from Sarah Polak at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, 308-432-6066.

Aged to Perfection 2007

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the
Southeast Library System Friends
on April 26, 2007

to celebrate the enchantment of a more
gracious time at the James Arthur Vineyards.

Enjoy the taste of award winning wines
while receiving an appraisal of your
cherished antiques. Social hour and antique
check-in will be from 5:30 to 7:00, followed
by an informational/appraisal program from

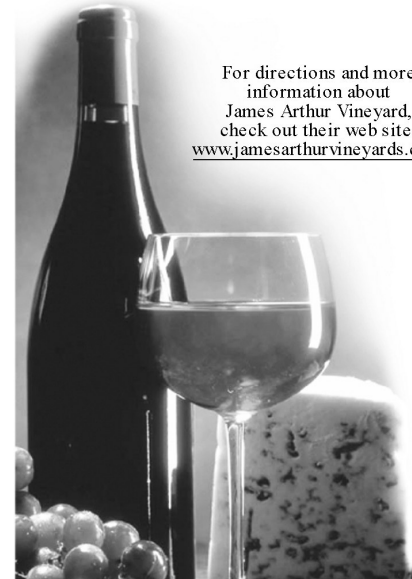
7:00 to 8:00.



A mini-auction of donated
treasures will follow the program.



Wander down the shady lane of
yesterday with us at James
Arthur Vineyard. Sample the
perfection of the wine, while
Mr. Tom Bassett, a professional
appraiser, assesses the value of
your treasured antiques.



For directions and more
information about
James Arthur Vineyard,
check out their web site:
www.jamesarthurvineyards.com

From the check-in of your antiques, through the program's
conclusion, you'll encounter the ambience of old world charm
with your SELS Friends.

For a \$25 admission fee:

Non-SELS Friends members will receive four wine
samples and appetizers during the social hour, followed by
the appraisal of one antique.

SELS Friends members will receive four wine samples,
appetizers and the appraisal of two antiques.

For more information on how you can become a
SELS Friends member, please visit our web site:
www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/selfindex.html

To register, please fill out and return this
form by April 20, 2007:

Name _____

Phone # _____

✂ E-mail _____

Please include \$25.00 for each
person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System
5730 R Street, Suite C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505

Admission will be \$30 at the door.

***Interested in database training, but short on time?
If so, consider attending the online session described below!***

Title: An Introduction to Searching eLibrary through NebraskaAccess

Description: eLibrary is a wonderful information resource. It boasts searchable full-text content from magazines, journals, newspapers, and reference books, as well as tv/radio transcripts, audio/video clips, pictures, and maps. It's designed to be easy to search -- type in almost any term and you will get results! As with any resource, however, the more you know about eLibrary the better your chances of getting GREAT results! If you'd like to learn more about eLibrary so that you can search with confidence and retrieve improved results, then this is the training session for you. Attendees will see a variety of search techniques demonstrated and they will also learn what search functionality lurks under the Topics and Reference tabs!

Date/Time: April 5, 2007 / 10-11am Central

Audience: Librarians and media specialists who haven't attended the Database Roadshow, or those wanting a review. (Reminder: eLibrary is not available to K12 schools through NebraskaAccess. However, media specialists at schools that have their own eLibrary subscriptions are welcome to attend.)

Instructor: Susan Knisely, Online Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Fees: None

Registration: To learn more about this class and to register, visit the Commission Training portal at www.nlc.state.ne.us/training and search for "eLibrary". (Alternately, go to the Commission Training portal and click April 5 on the calendar.)

CENTRA LIVE! This session will be conducted using Centra Live web conferencing software. Please be sure to review the Centra Live technical requirements and perform the recommended Centra system check even if you've successfully attended previous Nebraska Library Commission Online Sessions. (Until recently sessions were presented using Genesys and Live Meeting software.) ***Please do this several days in advance of your scheduled session*** so you have plenty of time to update your system if necessary. Technical requirements (including a link to the system check) and general access instructions are available on the Nebraska Library Commission Online Sessions page at www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/online.html

AUDIO NOTE: Audio for Centra Live online session will be handled via **Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)** technology as opposed to a telephone conference call. This means access to a telephone is not required. However, in order to hear the presentation **attendees must be using a computer with a sound card and speakers**. To ask questions and participate in class discussion, attendees will also need a microphone. If you don't have a microphone for your computer you may request one from the Nebraska Library Commission by emailing jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us at least a week in advance of your session. If only one individual is attending the session from a particular computer, a headset may be used in place of the speakers and microphone

Again, for more information about technical requirements and procedures for accessing live online sessions through Centra software, please see the Nebraska Library Commission Online Sessions page at www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/online.html

If you have questions about this upcoming training session, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Susan Knisely, Online Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Phone: 402-471-3849 / 800-307-2665 (in-state) Email: sknisely@nlc.state.ne.us

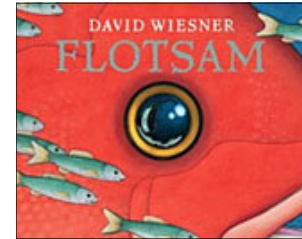
2007 ALA Winners

Caldecott Medal:

winner: **Flotsam** by David Wiesner

honor: **Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet** by David McLimans

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Carole Boston Weatherford



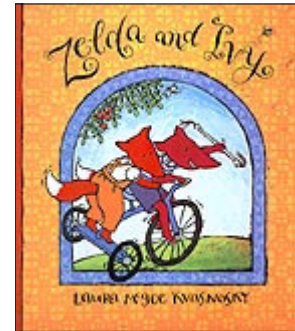
Newbery Medal:

winner: **The Higher Power of Lucky** by Susan Patron, illustrated by Matt Phelan

honor: **Penny from Heaven** by Jennifer L. Holm

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

Rules by Cynthia Lord



Geisel Medal:

winner: **Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways**, by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

honor: **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride**, written by Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

Move Over, Rover!, written by Karen Beaumont and illustrated by Jane Dyer

Not a Box, by Antoinette Portis

Sibert Medal:

winner: **Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon** by Catherine Thimmesh

honor: **Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement** by Ann Bausum

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea, written by Sy Montgomery, photos by Nic Bishop

To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel, written by Siena Cherson Siegel, illustrated by Mark Siegel

Printz Award:

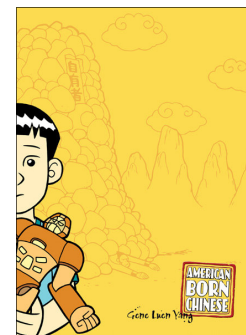
winner: **American Born Chinese**, written by Gene Luen Yang

honor: **The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing**, written by M. T. Anderson

An Abundance of Katherines, written by John Green

Surrender, written by Sonya Hartnett

The Book Thief, written by Markus Zusak



Coretta Scott King Author Award:

winner: **Copper Sun**, written by Sharon Draper

honor: **The Road to Paris**, written by Nikki Grimes

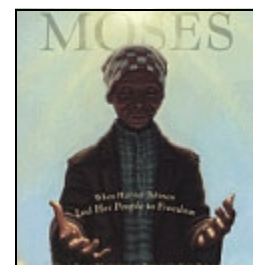
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award:

winner: **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to**

Freedom, illus. by Kadir Nelson, written by Carole Boston Weatherford

honor: **Jazz**, illus. by Christopher Myers, written by Walter Dean Myers

Poetry for Young People, illus. by Benny Andrews, edited by David Roessel and Arnold Rampersad



**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
December 1, 2006 Lincoln, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Scott Childers (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (Levitt Library York College); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); (Nebraska Library Commission), Laura Johnson (Nebraska Library Commission), Mary Reiman (Lincoln Public Schools)

Board Members Absent: Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora)

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Elton called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. Lisa Olivigni indicated the friends group will fund new carpet and paint for the Crete Public Library. The Prime Time Program is completed, but they continue to do outreach to children and older adults. Rebecca Bernthal indicated the University Libraries are doing a vendor review project to look at the current vendor used for the approval plan and considering other companies. There are also library staff openings being advertised. Karen Frank decided to not attend any meetings for a month – the patrons appreciated having her at the library. Building problems at Greenwood are not resolved. Scott Childers reported that NLA is switching web hosts. Ken Gunselman reported that York College has a new Chair of the Board of Trustees and that the college now has a freeze on hiring and also on the budget. Glenda Willnerd indicated that Chris Crowe will be coming to LPS and that a storyteller will be visiting 15 schools the end of February and early March. MO-SAIC closed on Nov 10, plans are already underway for next year. Glenda will be going to Chicago as the state representative for a Vision Summit for AASL. Wanda Marget indicated that the Fairmont library will be able to purchase 11 reels of microfilm with Keno grant money. Wanda also noted she is currently without a library assistant. Tom Schmitz noted that changes continue to be made with building renovations and moving programs to various locations around the state. The Lincoln Regional Center has also been affected by these changes including the discarding of journal backfiles and access to the library at all hours. Becky Baker noted that the friends group had a book fair in November and that the donated gift baskets from businesses raised \$1000.00. December 10 there will be an open house and in partnership with the local theater, two free movie nights are planned around holiday shopping. Follett system upgrades are not positive since 6.3 shows a record of what a patron has checked out in the past and also shows who has checked out a particular book. That feature disregards patron customer confidentiality, and disabling the feature gets rid of statistics frequently used for counts that are not patron specific. A reminder that gel rings for READ are on sale for 50 cents each. Kris Rogge indicated the Dinner & Dialogue sessions have been completed and the League of Municipalities legislation is now considered unnecessary. Sandy Elton indicated that the Lincoln Correctional Center finished with the Great Stories Project and was a very positive experience for the library and those who were involved in the project. Stuck in Neutral, Bone Blue, and First Part Last were three books used in the program and were well received.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the corrected minutes for October 5, 2006 was made by Karen Frank and seconded by Scott Childers. Motion carried.

III. Financial Report: Jenni made comments about the financial and transaction reports and answered questions from board members. Jenni noted that 42% of the budget year is over. Jenni distributed letters to board members who had donated mileage in 2006. The transaction report was also reviewed. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Kris Rogge. Motion carried.

IV. Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from October 5, 2006 to December 1, 2006 as outlined in her written report. Brenda shared information at the DIRECT (ELS Public Library Director's) meeting in West Point on Intellectual Freedom, the law and libraries. She attended the Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling which included a session on geo-caching. Brenda went on the bus trip to Brownville which was a Nebraska Regional Library Systems sponsored NLA/NEMA preconference. Brenda attended the NLA/NEMA conference in Omaha as well and noted the One Book Many Librarians session with Alex Kava was well attended. CASTL met on November 3 in Humboldt with 20 in attendance. Brenda attended the Kiewit Fundraising Course in Omaha along with Kathy Tooker. NLC partially funded the cost of attending with Kiewit subsidizing the rest. Brenda attended the Nancy Bolt workshop in Wahoo on Leadership and Bulgaria Libraries. Brenda and Becky Baker visited Geneva Public Library to talk about plans to accommodate additional computer stations in the library. Brenda and Becky Baker gave an Administrative Course of Basic Skills in Seward. Brenda met with Mary Reiman to talk about cooperative training with NEMA and LPS. Brenda was involved in the interviews for the NLA Executive Director position. Brenda met with Kathy Tooker about a joint planning meeting with ELS and SELS. The board discussed this and asked Brenda to convey our interest to Kathy and indicate August would be a good time for this as the SELS board annually does its planning then. Brenda attended the UNO dedication ceremony of the expansion and renovation of their library. A University of Missouri Library intern will be working at the SELS offices as part of her practicum, the other half at UNL libraries in cataloging. A "case" for SELS has been drafted by Brenda as a representative statement of Southeast Library System and its mission and goals. The SELS Board will work with SELS staff in finalizing and polishing at the next board meeting.

V. NLC Report: Laura Johnson distributed a summary of her report. Nebraska Memories is now available. Playaway digital audiobooks are available at a discount through NLC. Nebraska Go Local is a cooperative initiative between several health entities including NIH, UNMC and public libraries about health services available and includes websites, contacts, service descriptions for hospitals, and many other health resources. SOLINET and NEBASE are offering the opportunity to purchase the 3rd, 4th, and 5th NetLibrary Shared Collections. Several Nebraska books were recently honored through the 2006 Nebraska Book Awards program, which is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book: Slamma Lamma Ding Dong, Nebraska Adventure, These Trespasses, This is Not the Tropics, Impertinences, Rainmakers, and No Accident. The NLC will again sponsor satellite teleconference programming for library staff from the College of DuPage. Public library statistical report surveys are due by January 31, 2007. February 1, 2007 is the deadline to apply for the next round of scholarship monies available from the NLC.

VI. Committee Meetings: Committees met for about a half hour to plan and discuss various projects and then reported to the group. CE is planning a joint session on June 15 for NEMA/CASTL on Golden Sower titles and are planning for the Summer Reading Program. CP is almost done compiling the contents for the information packets. CNN noted that its bank total has grown to over \$2,400.00 through various fund-raising projects including Nancy Pearl figures, gel rings and Baker's chocolates. It is time for membership renewals. A second "Aged to Perfection" event is being planned along with several other events.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

February/March 2007

"Clothes make the man.
Naked people have little
or no influence on
society."

-- Mark Twain

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